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SUBJECT: SPANISH WORKERS COMMISSIONS AND THE ETUC

1. LABATT HAD ACCESS TO A CIRCULAR "AIRGRAM" THAT WAS SENT RECENTLY TO ALL FRENCH DIPLOMATIC POSTS REPORTING ON SPANISH WORKERS COMMISSIONS' INTEREST IN JOINING ETUC AND GENERALLY IN DEVELOPING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH WE NON-COMMUNIST UNIONS.

2. AIRGRAM SPECULATED ALSO ON THE POSSIBILITY OF GREATER COORDINATION AND EVEN ORGANIZATIONAL TIES BEING DEVELOPED BY UNIONS IN "MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE" FROM PORTUGAL TO GREECE AND EVEN TURKEY. ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND THIS MOVE IS THE COMMON DENOMINATOR SHARED BY THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED (EXCEPT FRANCE) AS EXPORTERS OF LABOR TO NORTHERN EUROPE.

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3. AUTHOR OF AIRGRAM TOLD LABATT THAT HE DREW FOR

HIS REPORT ON RECENT DINNER HE HAD WITH WC OFFICERS VISITING PARIS, INCLUDING ELVIERA. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING ELVIERA CONFIRMED ALSO THAT WC WILL MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT IN THE TRADE UNION ELECTIONS IN SPAIN IF AS IT WAS ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SUCH ELECTIONS WERE DECREED BY GOS.

4. WHAT IMPRESSED SOURCE MORE WAS ELVIERA'S MODERATE ATTITUDE IN SPEAKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR A LARGE ALLIANCE OF OPPOSITION FORCES TO PREPARE THE POST-FRANCO PERIOD. SOURCE, HOWEVER, DETECTED A DIFFERENCE IN ELVIERA'S APPROACH BETWEEN POLITICS IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH HE READILY ADMITTED THE NEED IF NOT VALIDITY OF PLURALISM AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT WHERE HE ARGUES IN FAVOR OF UNITARY LABOR ORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH THIS LAST POINT WAS NOT DRIVEN HARD, ELVIERA SOUGHT TO CONVEY THE IDEA THAT PLURALISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT IS NOT NECESSARILY AN INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT OF DEMOCRACY.

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